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MEXICAN CITIZEN INDICTED FOR METH, FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican citizen living in Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine and illegally possessing firearms.

Jesus Cardenas-Celestino, 28, a citizen of Mexico residing in Kansas City, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Cardenas-Celestino** possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on May 4, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Cardenas-Celestino** was an illegal alien in possession of two firearms on May 4, 2005. The federal indictment alleges that **Cardenas-Celestino** was in possession of a Hi-Point 9 mm semi-automatic pistol and a Rossi-Interarms .39-caliber handgun.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City Police Department.

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